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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Angola (S/1996/1000)

Afghanistan (S/1996/988 and S/1996/966)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3 p.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 78th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.3) [8].

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the first annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/51/399-S/1996/778) [59].

3 p.m. 79th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.1) [60].

2. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.2) [61].

3. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.3) [63].

4. The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.4) [64].

5. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.5) [65].

6. Implementation of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.6) [66].

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.7) [67].

8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.8) [68].

9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.9) [69].

10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.10) [70].

11. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.11) [71].

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.12) [72].

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.13) [73].

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.14) [74].

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.15) [75].

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.16) [76].

17. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.17 and Corr.1) [77].

18. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.18) [78].

19. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.19) [79].

20. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.20) [80].

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.21) [81].

22. Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/51/567) [62].

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45):

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernest Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the Untied Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/51/L.45);

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/51/L.26, L.27, L.37, L.43);

(c) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of stricken Afghanistan (A/51/L.49).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

Organization of work

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1 and 2))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 141 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft statement

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, *today*, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 10 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 119 and 114)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(agenda item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)
(on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(Fourth Committee matters: questions relating to information (A/51/21, Part B, para.29))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room D

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on the draft resolution on the report of the Security Council)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room A

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 2

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ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

11 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room D

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal (closed) meeting on agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina) *today*, 10 December 1996, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held *today*, 10 December 1996, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	80th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Operational activities for development [98]: commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings *with Member States only* on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be closed.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee

The Chairman of the Second Committee will convene informal open-ended consultations on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the work of the Second Committee during its fifty-first session with a view to suggesting possible future modalities of work of the Committee.

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The 1996 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be resumed on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The thirty-first session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of Internationa Law will be held on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on 11, 12 and 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, under the chairmanship of the Co-Chairman, Sir Martin Holdgate (United Kingdom) and Mr. Manuel Rodríguez (Colombia), on Monday, 16 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

The plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund, which will be held in the General Assembly Hall on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 3 p.m., will be immediately followed by an informal segment. The informal segment will be hosted by UNICEF Executive Director, Carol Bellamy, and the Special Representative, Roger Moore. It will include the participation of other UNICEF celebrity spokespersons and musical performers and statements by other UNICEF partners.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 9 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of item [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1 to 3)

The representative of Germany, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea" (A/51/234 and Add.1 to 3). In the course of his statement, the representative of Germany orally revised the title of the additional item to read "Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the General Assembly".

The representative of Burundi made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item as orally revised should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by Italy (A/51/235)

The representative of Italy, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the in-clusion of an additional item entitled "Proclamation of 21 November as World Television Day" (A/51/235).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Burundi, the United States, the Netherlands, France, the Philippines, Andorra, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Honduras and the Niger.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary, on the understanding that the General Assembly would determine when the item would be considered during the fifty-first session.

76th plenary meeting

Law of the sea [24]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29).

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.21, L.28 and L.29.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka, the Marshall Islands, Ghana, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Romania and Slovakia), Mexico, H.E. Senator Clairborne Pell of the United States, H.E. The Honourable Dr. Abraham Iyambo, Member of the Parliament of Namibia, by the representatives of Cameroon, China, Indonesia, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Republic of Korea.

77th plenary meeting

Law of the sea [24]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Argentina, Malaysia, Paraguay, Viet Nam, Malta, Tunisia, Guatemala, Uruguay, the United Republic of Tanzania, India, Kenya and the Russian Federation.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 138 votes in favour to 1 against, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.21 (resolution 51/34).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/51/L.28 (resolution 51/35) and A/51/L.29 (resolution 51/36).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China and Viet Nam.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 24.

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION 207th meeting

Opening of the session

The 1996 organizational session of the Commission was opened by the Vice-Chairman, H.E. Sr. Andelfo J. Garcia (Colombia), who made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted its agenda for the 1996 organizational session as contained in document A/CN.10/L.39.

Review of the draft resolution adopted by the First Committee at the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

The Commission reviewed draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.5/Rev.1 containing specific requests in connection with the work of the Commission in 1997.

Draft provisional agenda for the 1997 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission

The Commission considered the draft provisional agenda for the 1997 substantive session as contained in document A/CN.10/1996/CRP.6, but no agreement was reached.

Organizational matters

The Commission decided that the 1997 substantive session would be held from 21 April to 13 May 1997.

The Commission decided to suspend its organizational session until Wednesday, 11 December 1996.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996 in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will deliver opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on "Accountability and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.The programme is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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